MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.		17	She	ep Distr	ricts.	12		Wheat	Districts		Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
		N.	C.	s.	w.	T.	N.	C.	s.	Т.	N.	C.	s.	T.
1944. September		47	34	20	19	31	10	20	19	26			-6	6-
October		30	33	95	28	52	34	39	98	73	77 31	59 33	16	65
November		35	45	46	32	41	39	43	47	45	73	31	54 28	34 56
December		42	8	55	49	37	34	II	56	42	59	32	43	50
1945.														
January		104	151	114	42	114	100	159	116	127	51	83	134	70
February		189	125	82	69	123	155	IIO	71	92	106	89	86	99
March		24	40	30	28	31	31	41	26	30	46	33	35	41
April		94	IIO	78	32	87	IOI	103	38	63	124	83	348	142
May		131	140	55	97	105	160	139	55	90	94	93	69	90
June		212	225	137	122	181	177	219	143	167	429	321	205	373
July		103	71	71	205	95	83	58	77	73	164	126	40	139
August September		135	157	151	107	144	156	139	157	152	44	61	34	47
petremper		46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50

N.-Northern; C.-Central; S.-Southern; W.-Western; T.-Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 450,000,000 lb. (subject to revision) in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10.75d. sterling or 13 '4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12.3625d. sterling (Aust. 15.4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46 (profits on resale for use outside United Kingdom to be shared). A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of future clips.

			Number	of Bales Re	ceived into Sto	re in Sydney.					
Month.		During 1	Month.		Total for Season to end of Month.						
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1942-43.	1948-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.			
July	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696			
August	128,260	105,532	113,506	110,161	195,702	189,247	189,713	178,857			
September	180,883	158,065	73,356	132,093	376,585	347,312	263,069	310,95			
October	195,950	173,622	129,588		572,535	520,934	392,657				
November	159,518	128,231	166,656		732,053	649,165	559,313				
December	88,943	94,774	111,713		820,996	743,939	671,026				
January	37,213	135,652	101,888		858,209	879,591	772,914				
February	30,274	60,931	24,884		888,483	940,522	797,798				
March	44,208	43,493	23,799		932,691	984,015	821,597				
April	40,835	42,000	20,854		973,526	1,026,015	842,451				
May	41,491	51,274	34,419		1,015,017	1,077,289	876,870				
une	56,745	56,870	41,007		1,071,762	1,134,159	917,877				

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

					Area under	Wheat.	Yield of Grain.			
	Seaso	n.			Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.		
Average 1932	1-35	- Alberta -			acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.		
to 1943-44			***	***	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13.1		
1941-42					4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12'2		
1942-43					3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17.0		
1943-44					2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17.6		
1944-45	•••	***	***	• • • •	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6.0		

4. BUTTER OUTPUT-N.S.W. FACTORIES.

The British Government purchases under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest, 1425. rod. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports from July, 1942, was increased to 1848. 8½d. from July, 1944. The wholesale price for local consumption has been 1668. rod. per cwt. since 6th March, 1942.

Month.		Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
				Thousand lb.		
July		5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286
August		5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008
September		7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	
October		10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	
November		13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	
December		13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	
January		12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	0.514 1118
February		11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	
March		11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	
April		10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	
May		8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	
June		6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	
Year		113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	
Two Months ended A	ugust	10,422	10,509	6,591	5,527	7,294

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

The following results from 42 large factories afford an indication of trends in manufacturing:-

		Factor	ry Sales.			Empl	oyees.		Weel	kly Salar	ies and W	ages.
Month.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945
		Thous	and £.			Hur	ndreds.		1	Hund	red £.	
January		5,808	4,965	4,983	282	275	261	241	1,459	1,563 1,54t	1,493	1,393
February March	4,768	4,799 5,45I	5,712	5,250	280	272	256	240	1,484	1,534	1,470	1,404
April	4,904	5,424	4,830	5,015	278	271	256	237	1,513	1,561	1,449	1,374
May	4,925	5,696	5,878	5,436	278	269	253	237	1,517	1,517	1,447	1,36
June	5,077	5,632	5,478	5,303	277	269	252	237	1,564	1,544	1,433	1,37
July August	5,410	5,520	5,061	5,639	277	268	25I 249	236	1,531	1,514	1,426	1,37
September	5,003	5,500	5,476	5,400	277	267	248	-37	1,564	1,525	1,416	
October	5,420	5,753	5,449		280	266	247		1,576	1,536	1,400	
November	5,826	5,701	5,811		280	264	246		1,603	1,517	1,433	
December	5,853	5,653	5,159		279	265	246		1,583	1,552	1,441	
Average (January- December)	5,180	5,554	5,400		279	269	252		1,534	1,537	1,441	

6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

(a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

			Month of Se	eptember.		September Quarter.					
Yes	ar.	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs	of Sydney.	Industr Rural T		Total, New South Wales.*			
		Total New	New	New B	uildings.	New Bu	ildings.	New			
		Buildings and Additions.	Buildings and Additions.	No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.	Value.	Buildings and Additions.			
	1 1	£	£		£	1	£	ı f			
1942		129,700	18,181	12	24,100	7.5	23,708	375,828			
1943		107,509	15,286	II	8,390	77	36,293	562,134			
1944	>00	106,471	19,633	37	48,803	105	51,283	693,131			
1945		767,391	13,142	639	640,963	717†	507,192†	2,990,456†			

^{*}Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded. † Preliminary.

(b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The value according to principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued in Sydney and Suburbs and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

		Value of N	lew Buildin	ngs and Alter	ations and	Additions.	
Period.	Н	ouses.	Floto		Shops (b)	Other (Offices,	
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.	Flats.	Factories.	and Public Garages.	Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Month of September—	100,000		Sydn	ney and Sui	burbs.		i, radinab
1943 1944 1945	2,876 9,927 308,353	4,027 14,726 344,306	363 1,552 3,945	45,493 57,516 66,484		54,3 ¹² 21,872 38,387	107,500
Nine Months ended Sept.—					0.5	0 /0 /	7 7733
1943 1944 1945	27,302 62,321 984,379	35,165 103,799 1,069,690	4,409 8,900 18,497	815,050 771,679 549,877	15,093	205,056 145,716 248,886	1,096,316 1,107,508 2,906,067
September Quarter—		129	Industr	ial and Ru	ral Town	s.	TUTOR OF
1944 1945†	7,339 8 ₄ ,215	55,293 447,369	762 2,728	35,498 39,120	7,236 18,386	57,982 48,622	164,110 640,440
Nine Months ended Sept.—	FREED	BKI-374		MANUEL		-	
1944 1945†	19,768	140,052 689,055	6,000 6,010	108,461	18,394 46,421	130,635	423,310 1,106,679

⁽a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. † Preliminary.

(c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to total for private building shown above, value of work authorised and contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales was as follow:—

			Value of New B	uildings and A	Additions (Go	vernmental)	
Area.		M	onth of Septer	nber.	Nine Mo	nths ended S	September.
		1943.	1944.	1945.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Sydney and Suburbs Remainder of State		40,386 59,816	£ 141,217 51,965	£ 960,030 277,839	£ 2,385,124 1,088,139	£ 1,324,707 809,645	£ 3,295,194 1,447,625
Total, New South Wal	es	. 100,202	193,182	1,237,869	3,473,263	2,134,352	4,742,819

SECTION B.—TRADE.

7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

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	Period		1	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
					3.457.5	Milli	on £.			14.0
Year ended 3	sist Dec	ember	 	200-29	202.79	229.03	238.65	240.54	251'40	
January			 	13.24	16.33	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62
February			 	16.54	14.64	17.48	19.39	21.60	20'48	21.47
March			 	15.78	16.97	17.40	19.53	19'44	18.00	21.75
April			 	15.79	17.88	19.06	10,10	21.88	21.68	20.81
May			 	17.46	14.85	18.75	20.72	19.56	21'45	22.24
June			 	14.88	17.07	21.76	18.03	20.01	20.67	19'40
July			 	15.28	16.74	17.63	19'17	19.81	20.87	22°01
August			 	16.81	17.17	20'41	20.86	18.75	23.82	20°22
Septem			 	19.44	17.48	21.60	19.59	19.93	21.46	
October		5000	 	19.22	18.50	18.25	22.06	20.80	21.82	
November			 	17.53	18.13	20.28	19.54	21.07	20'30	
December			 	18.32	17.03	20.28	20.98	19.61	22.84	

8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Bu		per of s Days riod.	Net Sales (Value).			Value of Stock.		Wages and Salaries		Number of Employees.		Three Monthly Movin Average ended month shown.			
	8	Previous Year.	Current Year.	(vardo)					id.		P.0.	,		Sales lue).	Wag Salarie	es and es Paid
Year ended December		1.00 W 15 1	120,076	Percen	tage i	ncre	ease +	or d	ecreas	e —					,	
1938	1	303	303	+ 4	8 ,	+	5.2	+	1146		+	5.0		1		
1939		303	303	+ 2.		+	2'0	+	2.6		+	0.9				
1940		303	305	+ 6			17.0	+	4.0		+	1.0				
1941		305	304	+ 14		+	8.0	+	9.0		+	4.0				
1942		304	303	- 5		+	9'2		5°I		-	8.4				
1943		303	306	- II		-	6.8	-	9.7			17.6		13.5		
1944		306	302	+ 3°	2 _	_	0°2		4.6		+_	1,4				
1944.																
August		26	27	+ 11.		+	4°2	+	2°4		-	4'3	+	6.1	-	I.I.
September		26	26	+ 3°	7	+	5.0	-	1.2		-	3.8	+	6.6	_	0.0
October		25	25	+ 5	6	+	4.3	+	O,I		_	3.5	+	7.0	+	0,3
November		26	26	+ 10		+	4.4	+	0.0		-	2°5	+	6.8	-	0°2
December		25°	24	+ 6.	I	+	4.6	-	0.6		_	1.3	+	7.4	+	0,1
1945.																
January	***	23	25	+ 20'		+	2.6	+	5'2		-	0.0	+	11.0	+	1.9
February		25	24	+ 6			7.7	-	2°4		_	3'3	+	10,0	+	0.4
March		27	26	- 6.			17.0	+	2.5		+	I,I	+	4.8	+	1.8
April		21	24	+ 3			18.3	+	3°4		+	0.3	+	0.2	+	1,3
May		27	26	- 9			26.9	+	4.4		+	2.5	-	4'9	+	3.5
June		25	25	+ 19.			24'0	+	3.0		+	3.3	+	3°2	+	3.6
July		26	26	+ 31,			16.7	+	7°I		+	4°3	+	21.8	+	4.8
August		27	25	+ 16	0	+	11,0	+	6'4		+	4.4	+	21.0	+	5.5

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

9. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:-

	1.		Month of August.	- 1	Two months ended 31st August.					
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses,*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.			
1943 1944 1945		£ 3,073,783 2,830,691 2,728,996	1,912,339 1,973,785 2,047,850	1,161,444 856,906 681,146	£ 6,025,948 5,515,181 5,363,474	3,886,396 3,898,872 4,085,116	2,139,552 1,616,309 1,278,358			

^{*} Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange. sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45.
† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

		Month of	August,	Two months ended 31st August.				
		Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.			
1943		thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands			
1944	 	1,683	20,293	3,504	40,409 41,454			
945	 	1,449	21,748	3,024	44,037			

^{*} Partly estimated.

10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

			Sydn	NEY AND SUBU	RBS.	Newc	ASTLE AND SU	BURBS.
Peri	OD.		Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of	Augus	t—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands
1943 1944	• • • •		425,800	21,900	39,570	42,160	9,810	3,365
1944			441,900	41,700	41,960	45,300	5,800	3,706
-543	0.0		438,100	27,300	41,786	47,900	4,400	4,008
Two mo		ended						sotusove sotusove somsos
1943			838,020	47,810	77,078	83,220	12,400	6622
1944			866,600	81,700	82,288	89,800	11,500	6,653 7,352
1945			878,100	54,700	83,754	93,700	8,600	7,833

^{*}Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

[†]Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

568,280

563,425

554,227

11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES. (Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

18 18 18 A	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.		1945.		
Class.	31st	30th	30th	30th	31st	31st	31st	30th
	August.	June.*	September.	September.	March.	July.	August.	September
Cars Lorries and Vans Trailers Tractors† Voles—Solo Cycles—Side-car Omnibuses† Traxi-cabs† Traders' Plates	216,633	169,916	174,186	182,315	185,061	185,467	185,665	186,057
	77,639	71,248	73,245	78,942	81,640	83,507	84,257	84,925
	6,538	6,965	7,050	7,848	8,871	9,101	9,187	9,268
	1,102	1,366	1,409	1,585	1,666	1,758	1,787	1,795
	17,111	10,538	9,728	11,386	11,794	12,173	12,319	12,532
	6,884	4,785	4,399	3,810	3,995	4,062	4,076	4,144
	794	890	905	998	1,012	1,031	1,039	1,041
	1,331	1,352	1,348	1,350	1,351	1,351	1,351	1,353
	1,187	708	623	633	631	658	662	680
Total	329,219	267,768	272,893	288,867	296,021	299,108	300,343	301,795

^{*} Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70.724) in October, 1942. † Exc † Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

			C	ars (Incl	uding Ca	bs and O	mnibuse	es).	0400		Lorries	and Vans		
	Year.	1770	April,	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1941			121	89	40	20	21	32	47	46	40	43	45	41
1942	-0113		20 7 5	6	29 4 6	6	3 5	16 4 6	24 17 83	16 40 84	45 84	60	55 62	60 66
1945			, 5	7	5	8	6	6	42	38	43	48	44 .	38

12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.) End of Month. 1945. IQAA. 1941. 1942. 1943. No. No. No. No. No. 560,665 563,791 March 491,816 502,810 536,795 561,638 April 494,004 537,319 567,295 503,494 ... 571,616 563,277 May 495,238 500,565 543,419 572,697 560,032 lune 494,884 500,451 552,044 573,078 July 494,904 506,566 546,856 559,106 572,893 508,292 562,063 August 498,073 549,939

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September

13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES). 1

1001 1011 221	Amount of			Amount of	Deposits.	2010.2
As at June 30th.	Deposits †	End of Month.	1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45
30 ST 10 ST	4,000	11	1 6000	£.000	£000	£000
1934	75,714	October	. 86,751	103,583	136,326	173,981
1935	77,906	November	. 86,684	104,930	138,328	176,748
1936	80,000	December	. 86,581	105,745	142,108	179,128
1937	81,952	January	. 86,716	109,220	146,283	181,801
1938	86,016	February	. 87,167	112,818	150,375	184,725
1939	87,474	March	86,759	115,642	154,154	187,894
1940	82,111	April	. 87,056	115,500	156,025	189,566
1941	87,750	May	. 85,179	118,016	157,045	192,884
1042	94,538	June†	. 82,111	122,405	162,867	198,203
1943	122,405	July	. 82,135	126,689	166,751	200,932
1944	162,867	August	. 83,074	130,519	170,104	204,794
1945	198,203	C 1 1	. 83,827	134,163	173,037	207,520

† Including accrued interest. † Amount at credit of depositors' accounts. WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled (19,454,822 at 31st August, 1945, including £154,884 in August, 1945.

14. TRADING BANKS*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

Septembe Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Special Wartime Deposits with Comw'th Bank.	Advances.
1941 1942 1943 1944	 £000 363,867 392,295 465,327 536,943 577,146	£000 38,925 46,322 38,230 36,643 36,236	£000 33,999 40,140 55,000 55,230 52,853	£000 61,752 56,580 76,056 95,233 106,811	£000 38,238 106,234 182,835 226,369	£000 281,958 264,110 244,746 217,152 211,061

^{*}Nine Private Banks.

15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

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September Quarter.	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Total.	Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
1941 1942 1943 1944	£000 71,129 82,342 103,298 127,295 142,123	£000 64,851 61,263 67,510 75,743 78,108	£000 135,980 143,605 170,808 203,038 220,231	£000 114,936 107,735 94,124 85,679 86,666	£000 21,044 35,870 76,684 117,359 133,565

16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1939	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943	1944.	1945
January February March April May May May May June July August September October November	66.5 75.5 80.5 70.7 82.0 80.3 71.2 74.9 78.0 86.1	1,000	1 01	t-Milli 92.0 97.1 102.6 95.4 98.9 116.6 99.7 99.0 105.6 115.0	on £ 106.7 105.7 123.4 125.3 123.0 132.6 114.3 122.7 116.5 115.5	107'5 121'2 130'1 108'4 143'5 140'1 122'9 127'4 120'9	114.2 114.1 123.4 126.2 132.6 136.0	98 96 93 98 100 101 98 99 100 102	110 110 107 111 111 115 116 118 117	Inde 117 114 110 111 123 125 123 124 123	x Nu: 123 123 119 125 125 133 130 135 134 138	mber	1	152 149 145 154 160 169 167 168
December	91.7	100.1	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6		106	115	124	136	150	152	
Year	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	1248.5	1442'3	1499*6		100	113	120	131	151	156	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

[†] Exclusive of London Funds.

17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

		Priv First Mo Regis	ortgages	Yield on	Commonweal Commo	th Governmen nwealth Incom	t Securities†—s ne Tax—	ubject to	
Peri	od.	Weighted Rate of I	Average	Not exceed	ling Rates in f	orce in 1930.	At Current Rates.		
		Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short-dated. 2 years.	Long- dated. 12 years.	
				Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years	Tring Islams		
Average for	vear-			5 years.	years.	and over.	0.1		
1938 1939		 5°4 5°6 5°6	5°0 5°2 5°1	3*38 3*84 3*14	3.41 3.84 3.5	3.46 3.82 3.30			
1941		 5.2	4.9	2'45	2.95	3,10			
1941		 5*5	4.0	2 years.	7 years. 2.87	12 years. 3'13	2.47	3*23	
1942		 5.4	4.9	2'39	2.89	3,11	2.45	3*24	
1943	• • • •	 5.0	4.7	2'43	2.72	§	2.48	3.53	
Months—		 5'0	4.4	2,30	2'60		2'45	3°24	
1944—Sep	tember	 5.0	4.6	2'34	2'40		2.47	3*24	
Dec	ember	 5'0	4.3	2'19	2.21	100	2'49	3'24	
1945-Mar		 4'9	4.4	2'14	2'43		2'48	3°25	
Jun		 4.8	4.5	2'25	2,39	1 1 1 1 1 1	2'49	3*25	
July		 4.8	4*4	2*45	2.61	7 mg	2.49	3'25	
Aug		 4*8	4.4	2'42	2.65	10 (bs c	2*48	3*25	
Sep	tember	 4.8	4.4	2.43	2*82	I	2.48	3.25	

18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

	Mo	onth.		0.51	Consid	eration o	f Sales.		P. 1	Amount	of Mort	gages.*	
				1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
								Thous	and £.	,	4.1		igeR.
January				2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	1,148	916	595	383	608
February			 	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	1,329	975	390	611	593
March			 	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	1,320	996	503	663	688
April			 	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	1,305	891	536	302	526
May			 	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	1,324	526	381	495	606
June			 	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	1,273	599	400	687	864
July		***	 ***	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	1,470	622	399	543	902
August		***	 	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	1,213	451	450	723	861
September		***	 	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	1,571	516	432	597	1,005
October			 	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654		1,413	423	618	634	
November			 ***	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899		1,022	530	558	529	
December			 	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708		1,242	562	494	699	
	Ye	ar	 	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462		15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	

^{*} Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

		-	M	onth of Septe	mber.	Nine Months ended 30th September.					
			Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*			
1943	 		£ 53,286	£ 53,815	78,559	1,287,010	I,496,236	£ 612,738			
1944	 		22,487 41,761	92,471 57,437	52,968 83,305	874,512 834,669	1,202,790	464.145 781,753			

^{*} Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown † Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month, § Su § Subsequent vields uncertain.

Note.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

		Employ Rural, H	timated Total ment. (Exclousehold Defence Fore	cluding		Estima	ted Emplo	yment in Ma	in Indus	trial Groups.	
M	onth.	Govern- mental Authori- ties.	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories.	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professiona and Personal Services.
					D.	(0)					(c)
T000	Tuno			. 0	MALE	S. (Thou	sands.)				
1933-	-July	136.5	277·5 393·4	380.7		94·5 158·8					
	-July	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	202·I	G85	78.2			
	-July	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	213.3	19.5	80.3	41.3	43°3 36°0	52°5 46°0
	-July	156.6	365.4	522'0	25·I	217.8	14.4	81.2	32.3		
	Aug	155.9	364.9	520.8	25.0	218.7	12.0	80.2	28.5	33·2 33·6	43.3
944-		152'4	369'7	522'I	24'4	217.5	6.6	84'1	28.4	34'2	
	Aug	153'2	365.0	522'2	24'4	216.3	6.I	85.2	28.7	34.6	45°4 45°8
	Sept	154'2	369.4	523.6	24.7	215.3	6.5	85.4	28.6	35.1	45.9
	Oct	152.5	370'7	523'2	24.7	215'9	7'0	84.1	28.7	35.2	46.0
	Nov	153.4	372.5	525.9	24.7 24.8	215'2	7·2 8·5	85.6	20.1	35.6	46.2
	Dec	152'3	374'2	526'5	24'5	215.0	8.5	84'4	30°5	35.6	46'4
1945-	-Jan	153'4	375.6	529'0	24.8	215.7	8.4	85.6	29'5	35.7	46.8
	Feb	154'1	376'1	530'2	24'6	215'4	8.0	86.2	29'4	35'8	46.8
	Mar	154'9	374'7	529'6	24'0	214'5	8.8	85'2	29.6	36.0	47'0
	April	155.8	375'2	531.0	24.7	213.8	8.9	86.9	29.6	35.6	460
	May June	155.4	375.6	531.0	24'3	213.2	8.9	86.7	30,0	35.7	46.9
	July	156.5	377°1 377°5	532'9	24'4	214'5	8.6	87.2	29.7	35'9	47'3
	Aug	155.6	3775	534'0	24.6	214'2	7'3	88.0	29'9	35'9	47.6
	rug	1330	3/9 2	534°8	24.8	214.3	5'9	88.7	30'2	36.4	48.3
000	-June	16.8	- (> () . ("	FEMALE		usands.)		1300.07.20		
	-July	19.4	148.6	125.8	1000	36.3		***	411		
939	-July	21.7	192.4			59.3					
942-	-July	29.3	203.6	214.1	0.5	76.0		8.1	40.9	17.6	56.8
043	-July	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.5	84.8	30. 300	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
773	Aug	46.5	205.0	251.5	0.5	95'4		12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
044-	-July	45'5	206'I	251.6	0'2	95.4		13.3	38.1	20.8	62.7
,,,	Aug	45.4	206.2	251'9	0,5	92.0		14.0	37'2	20'4	65°7
	Sept	44.4	207.3	251.7	0.5	91.2		14.0	37°2 37°3	20.8	66.7
	Oct	44.7	207.8	252.5	0.2	91.0		14.0	37.7	20.8	67.4
	Nov	44.5	209.3	253.8	0.2	90.8		14.0	38.7	20.8	67.8
	Dec	44'2	210'3	254'5	0.5	00.3		14'0	40'4	20'7	67.4
945-	-Jan	44°I	207'3	251.4	0'2	88.8		14'0	38.5	20.7	67.6
	Feb	43'9	208:5	252'4	0'2	89.5		14.1	38.4	20.6	68'1
	Mar	43'7	209'4	253'I	0.5	89.2		14'1	38.7	20.7	68°5
	April	43'7	208'3	252.0	0.5	88.5		14'1	38.8	20°4	68.5
	May	43.6	208'1	251'7	0.2	87'9		14'0	39'0	20'3	68.6
	June	43'5	209'1	252.6	0.5	87.8		14.6	39'3	20'5	68'8
	July Aug	43'3	208.8	252'I	0'2	87.4		14.6	39'2	20.6	68.5
	Aug	42 0	210,3	253'1	0,3	87.6		14.6	39'5	20'7	69'2
022	Tune	120.0	386.5		TOTAL		sands.)				
933-	June	155.0	542.0	506.5		130.8					
941-	July	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	218.1		96			
942-	July	187.0	579.6	767.5	25.6	278.1	70'5	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.3
943	July	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.0		19'5	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
	Aug	202.4	569.9	772'3	25.2	314.1	14.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
	July	197'9	575.8	773'7	24.6	309.7	6.6	93·4 98·0	66.6	54.4	106.1
	Aug	198.6	575'5	774'1	24.6	308.3	6.1		65'6	54.6	111.1
	Sept	198.6	576.7	775.3	24.9	306.8	6.5	99'2	65.9	55.0	111.0
	Oct	197.2	578.5	775'7	24'9	306.0	7.0	99.4	66.4	55·9 56·0	112.6
	Nov	197.9	581.8	779.7	25.0	306.0	7.2	99.6	67.8	56.4	113.4
	Dec	196'5	584'5	779.7	24'7	305'3	7·2· 8·5	98'4	70'9	56.3	113.8
	Jan	197'5	582'9	780'4	25'0	304.2	8.4	99.6	68.0	56.4	114'4
	Feb	198.0	584.6	782'6	24.8	304'9	8.6	100,3	67.8	56.4	114.9
	Mar	198.6	584'1	782'7	24'2	303.7	8.8	99'3	68.3	56.7	115'5
	April	199'5	583.5	783.0	24'9	302'0	8.9	101,0	68.4	56.0	115'4
	May	199'0	583'7	782'7	24'5	301.1	8.9	100'7	69.0	56.0	115.2
	June	199'3	586.2	785'5	24.6	302.3	8.6	101.8	69.0	56.4	116.1
	July	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	301.6	7.3	102.6	60.1	56.5	119.1
	Aug	198.4	589'5	787'9	25°I	301.0	5.9	103'3	69.7	57'1	117'5

⁽a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

⁽b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors, Numbers from July, 1944, are subject to revision.

⁽c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month,	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
January	 100	103	93	IIO	119	125	136	141	141	164	155	173
February	 100	105	95	II2	122	125	135	142	145	159	161	174
March	 100	102	95	III	121	130	130	143	146	164	165	171
April	 100	104	96	IIO	119	125	137	141	147	164	162	172
May	 100	106	95	IIO	122	128	128	146	144	166	172	178
June	 100	103	99	114	127	131	135	150	154	174	176	176
July	 100	105	97	112	126	134	139	149	158	171	177	184
August	 100	106	97	107	128	135	137	151	157	181	181	
September	 100	108	97	113	123	134	134	151	158	171	172	
October	 100	109	96	113	I2I	135	137	154	163	162	169	
November	 100	109	97	116	124	136	139	152	161	164	171	
December	 100	105	99	116	124	131	138	153	165	163	169	
Year	 100	105	96	112	123	131	135	148	154	167	170	

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

		Food and	Rent—			Total Household Expenditure.			
Quarter.		Groceries.	4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Index Number.	Increase from Sept Quarter, 1939.		
	1				1		Per cent.		
1939—September.		930	1,039	841	939	933			
		945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3		
		947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10.1		
		1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20.3		
1943—March*		1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3		
June†		1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9		
		1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7		
944—March .		1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22.2		
June .		1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22.5		
September .		1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22.8		
December .		1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4		
1945—March .		1,027	1,043	I,420	1,163	1,138	22.0		
T		1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22.3		
September .		1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22.4		

^{*} Price stabilisation level.

23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week-Adult Males.

YEAR.			Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*									Crown Employees. (All Districts).							
			February.		May.		Augu	August.		November.		February.		May.		August.		November	
-		- 1	S.	d. 1	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	l S.	d.	
1939	•••		81	0	82	0	81	0	82	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	
1940			82	0	83	0	85	0	85	0	81	0	81		83	0	84	0	
1941			88	0	88	0	89	0	89	0	86	0	87	0	87	0	88	0	
1942			91	0	93	0	95	0	97	0	90	0	92	0	94	0	96	0	
1943			98	0	98	0	100	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	99	0	98	0	
1944			99	0	99	0	99	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	98	0	
1945			99	0	98	0	98	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	

^{*} In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less. In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

[†] War-time peak.

24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

	Period.		1.	Silver (Standard). per oz.		Lead.	Zinc (Electrolytic).	Tin (Standard).	Gold (Fine).		
			!			per ton.	per ton.	per ton.			
				S.	d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	f. s. d.	£ s. d.		
1929				2	0.57	21 14 5	25 19 5	200 II 5	4 4 11		
1938				2	0.14	I7 I2 II	19 12 10	228 II 10	8 17 I		
1939				2	I.42	I7 I2 I	19 15 3	268 3 6	9 14 4		
1940				2	2.95	18 14 6	22 9 II	292 19 8	10 13 1		
1941	•••			2	4.26	19 11 4	22 I2 II	295 I 6	10 13 8		
1942	5.444			2	4.66	21 9 9	22 2 II	285 9 I	10 0 1		
1943				2	4.63	22 19 2	23 15 2	283 1 6	10 9 0		
1944	C			2	4.63	26 3 0	24 9 4	335 7 2	10 10 I		
945-	-April			2	4.80	35 10 5	29 12 2	345 6 7	IO I2 O		
	May			2	4.80	3I 17 I	30 16 6	350 14 5	10 12 3		
	June			2	4.80	39 I 6	31 11 3	350 14 5	10 14 9		
	July			2	4.80	35 IO 2	40 2 4	352 0 6	10 15 3		
	August			2	4.80	36 2 3	34 6 5	352 I9 I	10 15 3		
	Septemb	er		2	10.12	38 0 9	49 I 2	353 17 8	10 15 3		

25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose

business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per f of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	Manufactur- ing and Distributing Companies.	Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929 §	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
ept., 1931 §	72°3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Jar., 1937 §	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
944-Sept	237.5	196.2	150.6	139.3	254°I	186.6	202.0
O.ct	240'2	202.3	160.9	145.0	263.3	192.0	206.6
Nov	240'3	202.6	162.8	145'4	264'I	192.5	207'I
Dec	240.4	203.0	162.5	146.0	264'I	192.6	207.0
945-Jan	240.6	203.5	162.7	146.3	264'I	192.8	207'3
Feb	241'7	205.0	168.5	148.0	264.5	194.7	209.3
Mar	242.2	205.9	170.1	148.7	264.6	195.4	209.8
April	242'3	207:3	170.2	148.8	264.6	195.7	210'0
May	242'2	207.2	170.2	148.4	264.6	195.7	210'0
June	242'3	207.7	170.4	148.0	264.6	195'7	210'1
July	242°2	207.4	170.3	147'3	264.6	195.6	210.0
Aug	242°3	207'3	170°3	146.8	264.6	195.6	209°9
Sept	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210'3

^{*} Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. \$ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1944, was 2,885,594 or 39'3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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